Some of the other modernisation projects completed by Doordarshan during the Ninth Plan period are as follows:—

(i) Digital satellite uplink facilities for uplinking of its various channels such as DD-I, DD-II, DD- News, DD-Sports and DD-International.

(ii) Simulcast uplinking facilities both in digital and analog at DDK Calcutta, Hyderabad, Trivandrum, Bangalore, Guwahati, Chennai and Mumbai.

(iii) New automation facility at DDK, Delhi.

(b) Doordarshan has so far completed 5 studio projects in the current financial year. Five more studio projects are expected to be completed during this financial year.

(c) Generally the Doordarshan projects are completed within the specified target dates. However, occasional delays occur due to various reasons like delay in availability of suitable sites and other infrastructural facilities from the State Governments, delay in construction of buildings and towers, and litigation.

CBI Raid on the premises of former Chairman ICC and doordarshan officials

1513. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CBI had raided certain premises including that of former Chairman ICC and some officials of Doordarshan;

(b) if so, whether Government have referred the case to CBI on the basis of the *prima facie* evidence collected by Arun Aggarwal Committee;

(c) if so, the salient features of Arun Aggarwal Committee report and the names of officials indicated by it;

(d) whether any action was initiated by Government against them; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) CBI Has informed that nationwise raids including raids on premises of 5 present and former officers of DD were conducted by them on 13.11.2000.

(b) No Sir. CBI has itself taken up the case.

(c) According to Prasar Bharati, Arun Aggarwal Committee report concluded that the Sports Consortium in which Prasar Bharati, M/s. Creative Eye Limited, M/s. Stracon India Pvt. Ltd. and M/s. Nimbus Communication were members, has put Doordarshan to financial loss and the Sports Consortium was heavily subsidized by Doordarshan. Arun Aggarwal Committee had recommended a detailed investigation into the matter to unravel the details.

(d) and (e) Prasar Bharati Board had considered the report and referred the same to CAG.

Implementation of expert committee's recommendations on Doordarshan and AIR

†1514. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expert committee set up for the improvement in the infrastructure of Doordarshan and All India Radio has submitted its recommendations/report to Government.

(b) if so, the important recommendations of the committee and whether Government have accepted all recommendations of the committee; and

(c) if so, the time frame for implementing the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Government have not constituted any committee for improvement in infrastructure of Doordarshan and All India Radio. However, a committee has been set up to study the working of Prasar Bharati keeping in view its responsibility as a public service broadcaster & to make appropriate recommendations with regard to its organisation, structure, legal framework, systems and other relevant areas to ensure quality, credibility and professionalism within the organisation. The report of the said committee has been received. The recommendations of the committee, amongst other matters relate to mission and objective for Prasar Bharati, accountability and structures of Prasar Bharati, financing and funding mechanism, channel positioning, programming content and production, restructuring of transmission and engineering services, improvement in marketing human resource development and exploitation of new technologies. The recommendations also include certain amendments to the Prasar Bharati Act 1990. A copy of the report is available at Ministry's

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.